

REMARKS

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Claim 21 was objected to based on the omission of the word "header" in line 3. The claim has been canceled, thus obviating this objection.

The specification was objected to regarding the description of Figs. 5 and 8. Correction has been made to refer to "a third orthogonal side" and "5 of 6 sides", respectively. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

The Office Action at paragraph 10 (p.5) indicates that facsimile transmissions received on December 10, 2004 were of poor quality. There were two transmissions on that date with the second one correcting an omission in the first. A copy of the second transmission is being sent with the present Amendment to provide a better copy for the file. The Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's attorney at the number below if further materials are required to address this issue.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3 and 9-23 are pending in the application with claims 1, 10, 11, 18, 20 and 22 standing rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sanchez-Zambrano (Pat. No. 5,895,414). Claims 3, 12, 13 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)/103(a) as being anticipated by or in the alternative obvious over Sanchez-Zambrano. Claims 9, 14-17 and 23 have been allowed. Claim 19 was objected to but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this amendment, claims 1-8, 10-13, 19 and 21 have been canceled. Claim 18 has been amended to add the limitation from claim 19 that "the recess having recess surfaces abutting the header in at least three orthogonal directions". As such, claim 18 should now be allowable along with dependent claims 20 and 22.

CONCLUSION

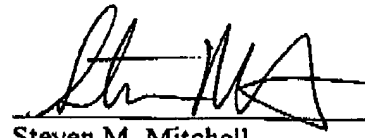
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of remaining claims 9, 14-18, 20, 22 and 23 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case with these remaining claims.

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